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I would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—COWPER



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Coming again: Be Kind to Animals Week, April 12-17, and Humane Sunday, April 11.

One hundred and ten horses in Germany that had served in the war have been awarded Iron Crosses, we are told by *Progress Today*.

A humane society has been organized in Canada for the special purpose of protecting fur-bearing animals from the lingering death of the steel trap.

We are glad to learn that the celebrated actor, George Arliss, is president of the Humane Education Society whose headquarters are at Manchester, England.

On the ground that hundreds of toy pistols have been used in the commission of crime a bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature making the sale of such guns illegal.

A similar bill has been introduced in the Georgia Legislature by our representative in Atlanta to prohibit the sale or gift of toy pistols or guns to children under 16 years of age.

Word comes to us of the growing interest in humane work in Sofia, Bulgaria. School children are entering prize essay contests and distributing Golden Rule leaflets among farmers and other owners of horses. Even the press is willing to print the prize-winning essays.

All real horse lovers will agree with Lieut.-Col. R. S. Timmis when he says in *Animal Life* in an article on Horse Shows: "The present fanatical craze amongst American saddle-horse people is in favor of the set-up tail—a most hideous and ridiculous style. The result is that they are now breeding for head and tail, to the detriment of the body."

Man and the Horse

THE eye for a horse, the love for a horse, is as old as man himself and is a part of the inheritance with which multitudes are born. There are those who take as naturally to a horse as to their mother's milk. They have no remembrance of the day when to be with a horse, to smooth his glossy neck, to ride him and drive him was not one of the rarest pleasures of life. It would be no hardship for such men to live for days alone with an intelligent horse, gentle, responsive to its owner's will. It is because of this love for the horse, a part of the very nature of so many men, that the horse persists, and always will persist, no matter how many means of transportation may be invented which seem to threaten his future.

To multitudes of others, however, the horse is only a means to an end. They feel toward him as a man might feel toward an engine or an automobile. As long as he delivers them or their goods at the goal desired he fulfills his function. Love for him, craving for his companionship and confidence, the joy of dealing with him in justice and kindness,—these are things they never know, any more than the man with no ear for music knows the delight he experiences who listens to a Beethoven Sonata.

What form of life lower than our own has served humanity as the horse has served it? He has played bravely his part on a thousand fields of battle, facing war's appalling horror, and moved to his task by no hope of its glory. He has helped build the world's greatest cities, their temples, their palaces, their libraries, their universities. He has made possible a million harvests. He has toiled on the railways of the nations. He has been a partner in the rearing of our homes. He has been our swift messenger in joy and sorrow. He has carried us through many happy hours of recreation. He has stood ready to die in our service when we have asked it.

Well may the great Homer have sung of the horses famous at the siege of Troy! Well may Alexander have founded a city in honor of the charger which bore him safely from the perilous field! Well may Cimon have reared beside his own an enduring monument for the fleet-footed mares which won him the chariot races at the Olympian games! Well may nations, as Japan has done, build monuments to the memory of the horses which have fallen in their wars!

"The International Journal for Animal Protection"

We heartily endorse the following from *The Animal's Friend*. We could not say it better:

The third number of the *International Journal* contains a number of interesting articles and news from many lands. Like its predecessors this issue is beautifully produced with many illustrations and on the cover is a charming reproduction in color of "A Common Sight in the Kruger National Park."

We regret to learn from the editorial and from an inset headed *Important Notice to Subscribers and others interested* that the journal, which has met with a gratifying response in the humane press of the world, is likely to be discontinued unless (a) all 1936 subscriptions are renewed for 1937 and (b) there is a substantial increase in the subscriptions. We hope these conditions will be fulfilled and the continuance of the journal ensured. The annual subscription is 1s. 6d. only, for the two issues, including postage. The publishing office is 19 Melville Street, Edinburgh.

The widest ranging animals on the North American continent are the muskrat and the raccoon, each being found in forty-seven states. The former is not found in Florida, and the latter shuns Montana.

Rain

JUDY VANDER VEER

*Rain is a silver broom,
Sweeping the brown.
Off the hills, brushing
Gray webs down;*

*Leaving curved hills
Gold and green;
Tinted with grass
Newly clean;*

*Sweetening meadows
For cows and sheep.
Beds should be fresh
Where lambs may sleep!*

From a Famous Trainer

THE first rule a trainer should write down in his mind is that there is no such thing as a TAMED wild animal, writes Maria Rasputin in *Every Week Magazine*. You can train them, but not tame them. Most of us have to get badly hurt before we realize this. I did.

It happened one evening during a performance in London. I was becoming familiar with the act and I was growing fond of the huge, striped Sumatra tigers and I suppose I was not insensitive to the fact that the appearance of Rasputin's daughter made the act a sensation in the British capital. Anyhow, I was thinking too much about the crowd and trusting the animals too much—*any* is too much. In the midst of a leap from one pedestal to another, "Emir," a giant bundle of deceit, slashed out at me and caught me napping. I had not stepped aside enough to be out of his reach and his claws ripped my scalp.

I finished the act and walked bleeding from the arena to a tumult of applause. Inwardly I was ashamed. I had been a little fool. I had forgotten the first lesson in the circus first-reader.

Unfortunately, perhaps, for me I had not been injured seriously enough, so it remained not for a lion or a tiger or even a leopard, but a bear to initiate me into the perils of circus stardom in the United States.

THE Jack London Club, named for the late author, is composed of members who pay no dues but simply pledge themselves to leave a theater or any place where trained animals are compelled to perform unnatural acts. All one has to do to belong to this club is to agree to this. It is hoped all members before purchasing tickets at any theater or place of amusement where performing animals are ever exhibited, will ask if any such features are on the program, refusing to purchase tickets if the answer is in the affirmative. When leaving any place because of any animal performance, always let the management know why you are leaving or going out during that part of the performance. Send your name for enrollment to *Our Dumb Animals*.

"None So Blind—!"

From the New Book "Laugh, Clown, Laugh!"
by Helen Trevelyan

A T present animal lovers fall roughly into these three categories: the fanatics, who do endless, if all unwitting, damage; the sentimentalists, who are all gush and fuss and futility and entirely useless; and the squeamish, who cry: "Oh, I know, it's all too, too terrible—please don't tell me about it, who, to my mind, are contemptible cowards."

The first step, then, lies in achieving a balance between apathy and unfortunate sensationalism, and this cannot be achieved while animal lovers inspire only pity, sarcasm, amusement and scorn. The whole question must be placed upon a common sense basis, without loss of temper or despair (two ever-ready pitfalls, I know!), by which alone we can bring about the sane, the sound, the logical appreciation of animals, not as gods to be worshipped and pampered and therefore made wretched, nor yet as slaves, dumb brutes knowing no difference between a kick and a caress, but as co-dwellers of the earth, having feelings and rights of their own.

The second step lies, I feel, in meeting opposition fairly and squarely, even *inviting it* and answering it!

Personally, I welcome opposition; for undoubtedly, pleasant as support may be, I never feel that to address by word or pen those who already agree with you can ever do the same good as to tackle those who frankly disagree. For while the one does (one hopes) retain old supporters, the latter invariably means winning new ones, which is so vital to this sadly misunderstood movement. The truth being that few can resist an argument, and there are no two sides to this question!

Taking a few of the predominant arguments against Animal Welfare work and answering them, I hope convincingly and not too ponderously, the inevitable query always is: "But why waste (and it is always "Why waste," I notice; never "Why devote," or "Why spend," but "Why waste") all this time on animals when there is so much unemployment and everyone's mind is filled with thoughts of war—why not concentrate all one's efforts on helping humanity?" Well, while my answer is often tempted to be "Humanity's sufferings are so essentially humanity's fault, the outcome of its weakness, shortsighted-

ness, stupidity, injustice and endless human failings, while animals never have done and never can do any real wrong, that therefore I feel more inclined to leave humanity to solve its own problems, "that nevertheless is not the real answer. The real answer is this:

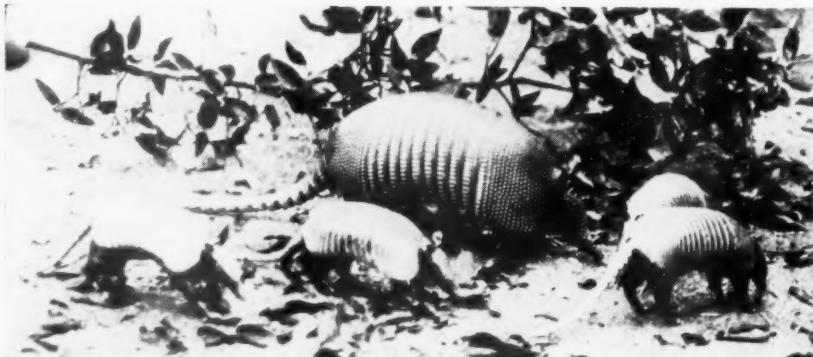
There will always be war, there will always be unemployment, until each and everyone has learnt to appreciate the true value of life; until the strong are ready and willing to use their strength in helping the weak, instead of dominating and suppressing them; until—most important of all—Power no longer stands for all that which is grasping and greedy, but knows compassion for the powerless; and animals, being so entirely at our mercy, it is through them first that this harmonious state of affairs can be brought about. For he who has the care of the defenseless at heart is incapable of hurting any living thing. It is not pretty fancy, but sound fact, that you can judge a person's character more accurately by his treatment of animals than by any other means.

This Month's Frontispiece

Our frontispiece this month, used by courtesy of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, shows "Ballot," 33, believed to be the oldest living thoroughbred horse, and his birthday cake, at a banquet given in his honor on New Year's Day, in Lexington, Kentucky. Ballot is reported not to have cared especially for the cake, elaborate as it was, but to have been partial to the green and white floral blanket that was thrown across him in the presence of hundreds of horse lovers who came at the invitation of his owners, the Enza-Vita Company. An eloquent tribute was paid to the famous racing horse by Col. George Bain.

Be not deluded by advertisements which disguise cruelty under the headlines of amusement; as, for example, trained animal performances! In the business code of the show manager there's no such word as CRUELTY.

When a goldfish in the home of Mrs. Floyd DeLano, Jackson, Michigan, jumped out of its bowl, the meowing of "Fluffy," a Persian cat, brought the owner to the rescue. The fish revived when replaced in the bowl.



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Be Kind to Animals Week, April 12-17

Humane Sunday, April 11, 1937

Exercises for Humane Day in Schools

Teachers to be Supplied with Be Kind to Animals Helps

ACCORDING to its usual custom the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. will issue a new special leaflet of eight pages, with suggestive exercises, for free distribution to teachers in schools of the state for use on Humane Day in Schools, April 16 (or most convenient date). Individuals and Societies outside of Massachusetts, wishing to make use of this literature in quantities, will be provided with copies at cost if they apply early to 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

Samples of this leaflet and of the pamphlets listed on inside cover page of this number will be mailed free, also reprints of this page, to those who will use them.

New Humane Play

The title is "Boots' Day." It refers to a dog whom the landlord did not intend to accept as a tenant until something happened which caused him to change his mind. There are five characters, two boys and three girls. The running time is about fifteen minutes. This was the play, written by Eva Brinker, which won the first prize of \$25, cash, in last year's Be Kind to Animals Week contest conducted by the American Humane Education Society. It is now published for the first time, and is adapted to pupils of grammar grades. Single copies, 2 cents; five copies for ten cents. Free sample to teachers or to humane society officers.

Helps for Humane Sunday

A new 2-page leaflet of helpful hints and quotations for use in connection with Humane Sunday (April 11, 1937) has been prepared by the American Humane Education Society, Boston. It contains a special article, "The Minister's Attitude Toward Humane Sunday," written for the Society by the Reverend Charles W. Jeffras, D. D., of Wesley M. E. Church, Springfield, Mass. Dr. Jeffras is a former president of the Humane Society in Melrose, Mass. There are other suggestions to meet the needs of those who wish to present the subject in church or church school. This leaflet will be mailed in quantities at the rate of \$1.00 per 100 copies. Samples free to all interested.

Advertise BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK and HUMANE SUNDAY by using blotters announcing the dates for this year. They are in assorted colors, 6 x 3 1/4 inches, and are sold by the American Humane Education Society at 50 cents per 100, postpaid.



AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY
180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Humane Poster for 1937

THE picture above is a reproduction of the new national humane poster, designed by Morgan Dennis, the artist to whom we are indebted for the very effective humane posters of the past several years. This entirely new poster, with the figures in black and white against a background of red, should prove to be very acceptable to schools and other institutions for display not only in connection with Be Kind to Animals Week, but also at any time.

The size is the same as before, 17 by 22 inches. Orders should be placed at once to avoid possible disappointment.

Copies bearing the imprint of the American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, are for sale at these prices, postpaid: Single, 10 cts., three for 25 cts., eight for 50 cts., twenty for \$1, seventy for \$3, 125 for \$5, and may be ordered from the Society. Orders for larger quantities, however, and all others requiring special imprints, should be sent to the American Humane Association, 80 Howard Street, Albany, N. Y.

Easter Chick Cards

We have a new edition of the post-card, "A Cruel Easter Practice," for distribution where little chicks are kept confined for Easter sales. Attractive illustration. Ten cents per dozen, postpaid to any address.

Prizes for Best Humane Essays

Two Prizes of Equal Value Offered by Humane Education Society

In connection with the annual Be Kind to Animals observance, the American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, offers a cash prize of \$25 for the best original essay of *not more than 1,000 words*, presenting "Arguments for the Zoo," and an equal prize of \$25, cash, for the best essay, not exceeding 1,000 words, presenting "Arguments against the Zoo," received not later than May 15, 1937. However, if, in the opinion of the judges, no essays submitted are deemed worthy, the prizes will not be awarded.

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American Humane Education Society
180 Longwood Avenue
Boston, Mass.

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The judges will be persons of recognized literary ability, selected by the editors of Our Dumb Animals, whose decisions must be accepted as final and may not be announced until one month after the contest closes.

Humane Sunday Lecture

Those who are planning to attend the lecture, under the auspices of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., on "Friendly Folk in Fur and Feathers," by Mr. Thornton W. Burgess, in the lecture hall of the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Sunday, April 11, at 8 P. M., are reminded that the doors will be open at 6:30 and will be closed when the lecture begins or when the hall is filled. As the Public Library lectures are always free to all, it often happens that the hall is filled by 7:30 or earlier. Mr. Burgess, who presents both slides and films to illustrate his lecture, will doubtless attract a large audience. To avoid disappointment, those who wish to hear him and to see his pictures should be on hand early in the evening.

The Horse Speaks

GIRALDA FORBES

*My master's very kind to me,
He gives good fodder too,
But there are several little things
I wish he wouldn't do.*

*He sometimes hangs my nosebag so
It's difficult to feed,
I never get quite all the grain,
It's very hard indeed.*

*He brings my woolen blanket out
When winter comes with snow,
But doesn't wrap it round about
To keep me warm below.*

*He lets it lie upon the shafts,
And so I feel the touch
Of every icy blast that blows,
I suffer very much*

*Because the wind gets underneath;
He doesn't think, of course,
But if he would attend to this,
I'd be a happy horse.*

In Two Inaugural Parades

ANNA MCNEIL

ONE of the world's oldest horses was a center of interest in the inaugural parade at Washington, January 20.

"Queen," aged 41, was six years old when she pranced up Pennsylvania Avenue at President McKinley's second inauguration in 1901, with Edwin M. Jett, a mounted policeman, on her back. Handsome and proudly stepping, she was the cynosure of all eyes.

It occurred to some of the present horse fanciers in Washington that it would be interesting to bring Queen and Mr. Jett, now retired, together again for another historic ride.

Queen was located on the farm where she was born and raised at Four Corners, Maryland. Mr. Jett, aged 68, in good health and spry, lives at 1434 W. Street, S. E.

The aged horse was in her stable when Mr. Jett, seeing her after a long lapse of years, called softly through the door: "Queen! Oh, girl! Remember me?" Queen remembered. She neighed at the top of her voice.

So again they rode under Washington's dripping skies and Queen's fame will go down as the only horse that ever took an active part in the inauguration of two Presidents.



To My Dog

LEE L. FROST

FOR many minutes I have been sitting here in my comfortable chair, looking down at you as you lie humbly curled on the floor at my feet. A moment ago as I sat here gazing at you, a wave of self-condemnation swept over me.

Is it enough that I feed you well, provide you with a warm place to sleep and stay up with you at night when you are sick? No—some instinct deep within me whispers that I have failed miserably in my obligations to you. I confess with shame that having supplied you with the material things of dog-life, I have neglected you thoughtlessly day by day.

I remember this morning when I let you in the house how eagerly you bounded toward me, but I—drowsy and irritable—brushed busquely past you without a word of friendly greeting. Then, when I left the house after breakfast, you squeezed out the door and followed me to the end of the walk, hoping meekly that you would be allowed to accompany me, but I strode on without even a backward glance at you. At noon when I came home, you were waiting for me on the front porch and when you saw me you rushed down the steps, your brown eyes alight with the supreme joy of greeting me and reared up on my clean clothes with your muddy forepaws. And I, forgetting in my anger that you could not possibly understand the importance of clean clothes, cuffed you sharply on the head—I can see yet the hurt look in your eyes and the sad droop of your tail as you trotted submissively around the house. Just this evening when you walked proudly to me with my paper in your mouth, I jerked it roughly from you and scolded you because your teeth had torn a slight place in the front page.

Now, after all this, you curl meekly at my feet, satisfied and glad to be near me. In your eyes I can do no wrong—I am the Master; my commands are to be obeyed



A PATIENT IN DISPENSARY OF ANGELL ANIMAL HOSPITAL

without question.

With a sudden lump in my throat, I lean over and clasp your tired forepaw in my hand; even though you can't understand as you look quizzically up at me, I'm asking forgiveness and hoping fervently that you have forgotten the many little hurts I have so thoughtlessly caused you.

Tomorrow shall mark a new episode in our relationship—I shall try to my best ability to understand you better; to become more the master than the master; and to view your acts with the same indulgence with which I expect my fellow-men to view mine.

The Crusade Against Guns

Some months ago, the P. T. A. announced its intention of launching a nation-wide crusade against guns and all missile-throwing weapons in the hands of children, writes Mabel Ketchum Eastman in the *News*, Sausalito, California. A most laudable purpose and one that should receive the support of everyone and particularly of the Women's Clubs. A body of women can do anything and with this worth-while idea in view they would be adding much to the happiness and safety of themselves and the world.

We should not be silent about this matter but give it publicity. The way in which the country is seeking to reduce automobile accidents is not by silence but by talking and writing about it constantly.

Arming children with guns is nothing short of insanity. And it seems to me an injustice to the child and a total disregard of public safety when we neglect to report to police headquarters at once, every child with a gun one observes anywhere. Such dangerous weapons should not be in the hands of minors. There is a law against it. So it is not asking too much of any police department to enforce it.

More friends are needed to endow stalls and new kennels in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital. Payments of thirty-five dollars for a kennel or seventy-five dollars for a stall will insure a suitable marker inscribed with donor's name. Terms of permanent endowment of free stalls and kennels will be given upon application to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Boston, Mass.

Societies' Annuity Bonds

THE Annuity Bonds of our two Societies are absolutely safe and yield a return according to one's age. They make their appeal ordinarily to people over 40 years of age. Send the coupon for a free folder which gives full details.

The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. (or)
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Without obligation to me, please send me the folder about your Annuity Bonds.

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Birds Return

HARRY ELMORE HURD

*Elsewhere, not here, my feet shall go—
Tomorrow and tomorrow's morrow—
This amber, thrusting through blue snow
Once grew upon the edge of sorrow,
For here,
Last year,
I brought a whirring partridge down.
Something about this mottled brown
Of withered grass depresses me:
Here, forever, I shall see
Life crumpling, slantwise, to the ground:
Forever, I shall hear the rasping sound
Of gasping breath and see the dumb
surprise
Escaping from a wild bird's eyes.*

*Here,
Last year,
This happened—then I did not know
That amber thrusting through blue snow
Would fill my happy heart with sorrow,
So tomorrow, and tomorrow's morrow,
I shall avoid this snowy hill,
So strangely vocal, deathly still.*

Our Observatory

LILLIE ROONEY

A LITTLE song sparrow has been the means of providing me with a most effective way of teaching my pupils to be kind to birds.

Our school room has a small, deeply set window upon which the screen became torn. A pair of sparrows chose this place as a building site, and both immediately began to work on the nest. The window was left closed, thus giving a splendid view of the home's construction. Not one straw of the nest was disturbed by the pupils as they eagerly watched the progress of the work.

The birds became used to the little watchers, and after the mother's eggs were laid she even allowed the window to be opened, and sat quietly during recitations.

The children saw and studied the speckled eggs, the queer little newly hatched birds which seemed to be all mouths, and listened to their hungry chirpings until they were old enough to sit on top of the nest. We then tried, unsuccessfully, to get a kodak picture.

I think we were all lonely when the mother coaxed the little ones to fly away, and we were agreeably surprised to have her return the second spring, to again rear a brood for the observation of a different group of children.

"Be Kind to Animals" should be written as a motto on the blackboard in every school room, especially from April 12 to 17, 1937.



"TRAILS MADE BY BOB-WHITES WHEN GLEANING A MEAL OF ACORN KERNELS WASTED BY THE RED-HEADED WOODPECKERS"

Bob-White Neighbors

I

ALVIN M. PETERSON

Photograph by the Author

BOB-WHITE," or "bob-bob-white," is the song of the bob-white, or quail, a charming bird song I often hear coming from across the fields and pastures. "He-er" is the call of this bird, and when I hear it coming from scattered spots in the neighborhood I know that a number of these birds have become separated from the main flock and are trying to locate their companions. Often, when out for a walk, I hear other characteristic bob-white sounds, explosive "whirrs," that startle me. Each "whirr" is made by a frightened bird that bursts from the grass or brush near me and goes hurtling off like a feathered bombshell.

Although we have long lived in a region where bob-whites are numerous, we never had them for near winter neighbors until five years ago. To be sure, we often saw and heard them previous to that, but they never made their home about the premises, although an occasional pair nested near the house. Our chubby bird neighbors moved into the neighborhood early in the autumn and lived near us all winter, their favorite refuge and roosting-place being a large brush pile in the pasture. They always flew to the brush pile when frightened from the yard or grove, where they waited until the coast was clear, then returned to their favorite foraging ground. Sometimes, when working near the brush pile, or passing that way, I frightened them from it, but they generally returned to it as soon as I was safely on my way again.

Bob-whites live on various foods: waste grain, grass seeds, weed seeds, acorns, insects and other things they find. One winter day a large flock of sparrows was feeding upon weed seeds in a small field south of the barn. I watched the birds for some time and eventually noticed that the bob-whites were hurrying toward them. Soon the two flocks joined, and the sparrows and quail

fed for a long time near one another, traveling leisurely from one patch of weeds to another. The bob-white is a famous weed-seed destroyer, more than fifty per cent of its food consisting of weed seeds.

Bob-whites are fond of acorns. It was great fun to watch them when they were feeding upon the nuts. They raced from the base of one oak to another, pecked vigorously at acorns, picked up tiny bits of acorn kernels wasted by the squirrels and red-headed woodpeckers, and seemed as fond of the nuts as children of candy.

Bob-whites usually travel from place to place on foot, sometimes walking but more often running as fast as they can. If possible, they travel from bush to bush, tree to tree, or from one thicket or patch of weeds to another. They run rapidly and are on their guard when in the open, but are less cautious when near shelter, walking slowly and often cuddling down on the sunny side for a rest and sun bath. They hold their heads high but allow their tails to drag when running; and they move their feet surprisingly fast, so fast, I am tempted to say, that all you see of them is a blur. Although their steps are short, they get over the ground at a good rate of speed.

I had three ways of keeping track of my chubby bird neighbors that winter. Naturally, in the first place, I saw them almost daily. Secondly, I often heard them calling "he-er" to one another when separated, exactly as if saying, "Here I am, where are the rest of you?" At other times I neither saw nor heard them, but knew where they had wandered and what they had been doing by the tracks they left in the snow. One day, for example, I heard them calling, and, upon looking out through a south window, saw two near an oak near the barn. Where were the rest and what were they doing? Later, when I went outside, I found the snow south of the barn covered with tracks and thus learned that those I could not see had been in the barnyard hunting food. A day or two later, when on my way to town, I learned that all of them had made a leisurely journey to the oak grove for acorns, seventeen trails in the snow telling me the whole story.

When this flock first began living in the neighborhood, there were but thirteen of them. Later one was killed by an automobile in a near-by street. Then all at once the number increased to seventeen. Where did the five additional birds come from and why did they join the larger flock? Did they once belong to a flock numbering eighteen or twenty, and were the others killed by hunters or wild animals. Perhaps the five became so hopelessly separated from their former companions that they lost all track of them and joined those living near us. Was there any quarreling when they joined the larger flock and how did they effect the combination? To these, and many other questions I should like to learn the answers.

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AGENTS to take orders for *Our Dumb Animals* are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered. EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited. We do not wish to consider prose manuscripts longer than 800 words nor verse in excess of thirty-six lines. The shorter the better. All manuscripts should be typewritten and an *addressed envelope with full return postage* enclosed with each offering.

Good News

FOR a two-year trial period, beginning in September, students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology will not be compelled to include military science in their curriculum. Two years of military science have hitherto been required for any degree at M. I. T. Since last September, however, 200 names have been signed to a petition objecting to continuance of the course as a compulsory subject. Three other alternatives will take the place of the compulsory course in military science, International law, history of arbitration, and diplomacy have been named as the alternative subjects. The course in military science will be continued, however, for those who desire it.

Pity the Poor Fox Hunter!

It seems many people in England have been writing letters to some of the men and women who indulge in this so-called sport. The following must be a clever bit of irony. One can hardly take it seriously:

Sir—Why publish all these letters against fox hunting, which only sets class against class?

Cruelty to foxes, forsooth! What about the mental cruelty caused by these letters to members of the hunts, who are the salt of the earth? If they were to think of the wretched fox, their enjoyment of the hunt would be ruined.

Long live Merry England, and a sportsman's death to Reynard!

TALLY-HO in *Staffordshire Sentinel*

Two White House Subscriptions

We are pleased to say that Mrs. Roosevelt has just sent us two subscriptions for her grandchildren.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF FIELD WORKERS OF THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY FOR JANUARY, 1937

Number of Bands of Mercy formed, 336
Number of addresses made, 263
Number of persons in audiences, 48,956

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HOSPITAL REPORT FOR JANUARY Including Springfield Branch

Hospital		Dispensary	
Cases entered	824	Cases	2,606
Dogs	592	Dogs	2,185
Cats	217	Cats	395
Birds	8	Birds	20
Horses	3	Goats	4
Goats	2	Horse	1
Squirrel	1	Rabbit	1
Monkey	1		
Operations	914		
Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, 1915		146,622	
Dispensary Cases		357,526	
Total		504,148	

The Month in the Springfield Branch

Cases entered in Hospital	122
Cases entered in Dispensary	600
Operations	198

American Fondouk, Fez

January 1, 1937

We greatly regret that for lack of space we cannot give this month more than the annual report, a most encouraging one.

Copy of the letters and records sent by Superintendent G. Delon to:

The Head of Service Municipaux, the Pacha, Care of the Commissaire du Gouvernement, and the Police Superintendent, Head of the Detective Police.

If you compare with the same paper of last year you will see that for a less expense, we have treated more animals:

	1935	1936
Average large animals	39	52.6
Average dogs	7	7.6
Animals put to sleep	283	555
Animals treated at Hospital	874	1,196
Inspections	4,300	4,102
Animals inspected	69,172	58,826
Animals treated during inspections	15,172	12,045
Animals sent to Fondouk	433	611
Pack-saddles, infected, destroyed	75	123
Out patients	1,071	2,556

The last figure is the most interesting, and a proof that our work is more and more understood by the natives.

We learn from the attractive fifty-seventh anniversary year book of the Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee, that Superintendent Walter J. Dethloff gave talks and showed motion pictures in 66 schools, representing an attendance of 20,000 pupils.

THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Founded by Geo. T. Anzell. Incorporated March, 1868
See Page 45 for complete list of officers

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Rest Farm for Horses and Small Animal Shelter, Methuen

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Springfield Branch Auxiliary—Mrs. DONALD C. KIBBLE, Pres.; Mrs. HERBERT F. PAYNE, Treas. Second Thursday.

Winchester Branch Auxiliary—Mrs. RICHARD S. TAYLOR, Pres.; Miss BESSIE SMALL, Treas. Second Thursday.

Fitchburg Branch, Am. Humane Education Soc.—Mrs. EDITH WASHBURN CLARKE, Pres.; CAPT. WILLIAM K. YOUNGLOVE, Treas.

MONTHLY REPORT OF SOCIETY AND BRANCHES

Miles traveled by humane officers	13,262
Cases investigated	334
Animals examined	5,381
Animals placed in homes	149
Lost animals restored to owners	62
Number of prosecutions	4
Number of convictions	4
Horses taken from work	12
Horses humanely put to sleep	33
Small animals humanely put to sleep	1,061
Stock-yards and Abattoirs	
Animals inspected	48,399
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep	25

Unlicensed Dogs Property

Lacker vs. Strauss

Massachusetts Laws, Vol. 226; page 579

By the common law, as well as by the law of most states, dogs are so far recognized as property that an action will lie for their conversion or injury.

The general rule supported by the weight of authority is that the owner of a dog, licensed or unlicensed, may maintain an action for damages against any person or corporation wilfully or negligently killing or injuring the animal.

We are of the opinion the general rule should be followed as one sound in principle.

The unlicensed dog was not a trespasser and outlaw upon the public highway.

From Supreme Court decision

In making your will, please remember the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Sixty-ninth Annual Report of the President

For the Year Ending December 31, 1936

I

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

A Foreword

WE often wonder how many interested in organizations to which they contribute, or in which they are shareholders, read an annual report. In many cases these reports certainly fail to tell the whole story. You can make figures tell the truth or conceal it. But annual reports must appear and so for the 27th time the President of our two Societies attempts to tell the story of what has been accomplished during the year, as briefly as possible, and repeating himself as little as possible.

Enlarging Our Work

The Society, the business house, the man who begins to stand still begins to go backward. We can truthfully say that during these past 27 years our two Societies have never stood still long enough to realize it. Each year new things have been done, new fields entered, new ventures made, believing that the more we did the more those interested in our work would give us to do with. The years have justified our belief.

Now the Last is Going to be First

Generally the statistics and summary are found at the end of an annual report. This time we are putting them at the beginning.

Item I—Pittsfield

For more than a score of years we have had a paid officer in Berkshire County with headquarters in Pittsfield. During the last 20 years we have spent in the interests of animal welfare in that county over \$60,000. No county in the state has contributed less in proportion to the service rendered. But the work there must be done. Our officer must have a home. We must have a modern, sanitary and up-to-date shelter for small animals. Unable to rent such a home

for him and such a shelter, we had last summer to buy a home and build a shelter, the pictures of which appear here. The home cost us \$7,500. This was a better investment than renting such accommodations if we could have found them. Then we had to build our shelter at a cost of something more than \$2,000. This was completed the very last of December.

Here is the officer's report for Berkshire County:

Complaints investigated.....	166
Prosecutions.....	6
Animals inspected.....	11,027
Ambulance trips.....	2,197
Large animals humanely put to sleep.....	19
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	2,590
Horses taken from work.....	5
Animals placed in homes.....	159
Returned to their owners.....	19
Miles traveled.....	24,179

Item II—Methuen

The Small Animal Shelter in connection with our Rest Farm for Horses at Methuen has increased its service to that section of the state.

Complaints investigated.....	116
Animals inspected.....	15,006
Large animals humanely put to sleep.....	89
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	3,655
Animals placed in homes.....	130
Returned to owners.....	46
Horses taken from work.....	14
Ambulance trips.....	1,881
Miles traveled.....	14,679
Daily average of horses at Farm...	29

Item III—Attleboro

The New Shelter established here in 1935 reports for the year:

Complaints investigated.....	359
Prosecutions.....	9
Animals inspected.....	12,431
Ambulance trips.....	445
Large animals humanely put to sleep.....	32
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	619
Horses taken from work.....	27
Animals placed in homes.....	123
Returned to owners.....	36
Miles traveled.....	29,698

Item IV—The Cape

Here, too, the work has grown.

Complaints investigated.....	973
Prosecutions.....	1
Animals inspected.....	616
Large animals humanely put to sleep.....	7
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	1,031
Horses taken from work.....	6
Animals placed in homes.....	24
Returned to owners.....	32
Miles traveled.....	28,064

Item V—Shelter at Springfield in connection with Springfield Animal Hospital and work of officer for Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin Counties:

Complaints investigated.....	940
Prosecutions.....	4
Animals inspected.....	31,104
Large animals humanely put to sleep.....	19
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	4,989
Horses taken from work.....	25
Animals placed in homes.....	698
Returned to owners.....	402
Ambulance calls.....	1,915
Miles traveled.....	16,486



NEW SMALL-ANIMAL SHELTER, PITTSFIELD



BERKSHIRE COUNTY HEADQUARTERS, PITTSFIELD

Item VI — Work of Officer in Eastern Essex County:

Complaints investigated.....	271
Prosecutions.....	1
Animals inspected.....	51,047
Large animals humanely put to sleep.....	146
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	112
Horses taken from work.....	25
Animals placed in homes.....	5
Ambulance calls.....	84
Miles traveled.....	19,774

Item VII — Work of Officer at Worcester:

Complaints investigated.....	506
Prosecutions.....	6
Animals inspected.....	4,512
Large animals humanely put to sleep.....	37
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	29
Miles traveled.....	10,208

Item — VIII The Taunton Branch

From the Taunton Branch of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., of which Mrs. H. F. Woodward is president, the following report was received, which includes the figures from July 1 to December 31:

Dogs and cats put to sleep.....	1,043
Birds put to sleep.....	9
Homes found for dogs.....	14
Homes found for cats.....	3
Dogs returned to owners.....	30
Cash on hand July 1, 1936.....	\$ 94.17
Receipts from July 1, 1936.....	613.50
Expenditures from July 1, 1936.....	623.72
 Balance December 31, 1936.....	 \$ 83.95

Item IX — Boston

The story for 1936 from our Headquarters in Boston. This does not include the work of the officers given above:

Complaints investigated.....	2,190
Prosecutions.....	9
Animals inspected.....	13,474
Horses taken from work.....	65
Unfit horses humanely put to sleep.....	245
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	20,331
Animals placed in homes.....	478
Returned to owners.....	177
Animals inspected at stock-yards.....	651,802
Injured animals put to sleep at stockyards.....	270
Miles traveled by officers.....	37,761
Ambulance calls.....	3,131

Totals Covering State

Complaints investigated.....	5,369
Prosecutions.....	36
Animals inspected.....	86,985
Miles traveled.....	176,374
Large animals, injured or unfit for service, humanely put to sleep.....	836
Small animals, injured, diseased or unwanted, humanely put to sleep.....	20,331
Animals placed in homes.....	1,391
Animals returned to owners.....	671
Ambulance calls.....	10,216
Animals inspected at stock-yards.....	651,802
Service rendered to horses at summer watering stations.....	11,448

Our Two Animal Hospitals**1. Boston —**

The demand for the services rendered by an animal hospital has grown beyond all we anticipated when in 1914 we built the Angell Memorial Hospital, Longwood Avenue, Boston. It seemed at that time a rather bold venture. Year by year it has grown in the number of those who have sought its advice and help. Three of its large horse wards that once were needed for such large animals have been remodelled to accommodate the smaller four-footed patients.

The report at the end of the first year showed 1,779 animals treated in the Hospital; that is, entered in its wards, and 2,600 in the Clinic. In 1925 the report was 6,975 treated and 14,163 brought to its Clinic. Here are the figures for the past three years: 1934—animals left for treatment 7,938; clinical cases, 24,778; 1935—patients treated, 8,181; clinical cases, 24,328; 1936—hospital cases, 8,774; clinic, 24,701.

During the past year we have spent \$2,000 in entirely remodelling our large distemper ward. All the old floor has been removed, a finely finished cement floor laid which runs up a foot around the four walls and so drained that it can be daily flushed with hose. Its walls have been thoroughly cleaned and painted and all is in the best possible sanitary condition. In addition a room has been specially set apart, resurfaced, new lighting installed, and equipped as a diagnostic laboratory with autopsy table. This wholly and only for purposes of aiding in diagnosing such difficult cases as require blood testing and other similar determinations as to what the sickness of

the animal may be and which cannot be determined by mere visual and external examination. This has involved an expense of some \$3,500. A specially trained technician will be in charge of this work.

2. Our Hospital at Springfield, opened in 1931, has steadily grown. Its first report, for the year 1932, showed: hospital cases, 554; clinical cases, 1,557; for 1936, hospital cases, 1,751; clinical cases, 5,403. The report for both Hospitals for the past three years, total cases:

1934,	37,853
1935,	38,491
1936,	40,599

The Work of the Angell Animal Hospital in Boston and the Hospital in Springfield During 1936

Small animals treated.....	10,358
Large animals.....	46
Birds.....	91
Cases entered in Hospital.....	10,495

Dispensary Cases

Small animals treated.....	29,682
Large animals.....	16
Birds.....	406
Total treated in Dispensary.....	30,104
Operations.....	10,769
Total animals and birds treated last year.....	40,599

Summary

Cases in Hospital since opened March 1, 1915.....	145,798
Cases in Dispensary since March 1, 1915.....	354,920
 Total.....	 500,718

Eight thoroughly trained veterinarians, six in Boston and two in Springfield, are in constant service.

New Garage and Repair Shop

The Society has 22 automobiles and ambulances. Among these is a new horse ambulance made to order of our own design which we believe is the finest and most efficient one of its kind in the country. The repair bills on all these cars and ambulances have been unavoidably heavy in the past. This last year we built an excellent garage and repair shop at our Rest Farm and Small Animal Shelter at Methuen. This



THE NEW GARAGE AND REPAIR SHOPS



INTERIOR OF THE NEW GARAGE

II

The American Humane Education Society

THE American Humane Education Society carries on its work through two outstanding vehicles—the spoken word and the printed page. When we say that during 1936 there were 582,431 persons, over half a million, who listened to some 3,414 addresses by our field representatives, and that a total of more than 220,000 pieces of literature, from a card to a bound book, were given away by the Society, we have summed up in a sentence the chief points of the report which follows. We cannot stress too strongly the importance of the close co-operation of the Society with the Parent-Teacher Association, one of our field workers being the national chairman of humane education for that great organization of a million and a half members, while four more of our workers are active state chairmen. The Society is in close touch with all the representatives of the Parent-Teacher group who are promoting humane education, and constantly responds to calls for literature, exhibits, and other helps.

Fourteen men and women represent the American Humane Education Society as field workers throughout the United States, the most of them being employed throughout the year. From their annual reports we present the following summaries, often inadequate because so greatly condensed:

In New England and New York

Miss Gilbert spent April and May visiting schools in Yonkers, N. Y., where she organized 495 Bands of Mercy. During the autumn she traveled through fifteen of the school unions in rural Maine, resulting in the organization of 318 Bands of Mercy. She received the full co-operation of Dr. Packard, State Commissioner of Education, who sent out letters to all the superintendents, calling attention to Miss Gilbert's work, and of the superintendents them-

selves who accompanied her to the schools, often in places not easily accessible.

In Massachusetts Miss Maryott visited Fall River, Fitchburg, Chelsea, Somerville, Dedham, Cambridge, Boston, Hamilton, Wenham, Lynnfield and Topsfield, where she gave 145 illustrated talks in the schools, reaching 33,875 pupils and 979 adults, and organized 880 Bands of Mercy. She conducted a booth for the distribution of humane literature to teachers at a two-day exhibit in Quincy.

In Pennsylvania and Illinois

Mr. Wentzel, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, traveled 7,700 miles and gave 138 addresses before audiences aggregating 35,000. He formed 78 Bands of Mercy with a total membership of 6,700. While in Houston, Texas, attending the annual Humane Convention, he found opportunity to speak before colored students in two large colleges. He held a special display of literature, with free distribution, at Teachers' College, Slippery Rock, Pa., and at other conventions of Parent-Teacher Associations.

In Chicago Mrs. Toomim visited 118 schools, including the largest elementary school in the country, and formed 1,700 Bands of Mercy with an enrollment of 68,349 pupils. She also addressed various assemblies, reaching more than 2,000 adults. She was responsible for securing a Be Kind to Animals Week proclamation from Governor Horner, for the distribution through the Illinois Humane Society of 4,000 copies of "Humane Exercises" for use on Humane Day in Chicago schools, and for much press and radio publicity in connection with the annual observance of the Week. Throughout the year the two films, "In Behalf of Animals" and "The Bell of Atri" were exhibited to enthusiastic school audiences. Mrs. Toomim has received authority from

the Superintendent of County Schools to carry on humane education work there.

Our Work with the Parent-Teacher Group

Mrs. Nichols traveled 26,000 miles in her work as national chairman of humane education for the Parent-Teacher Association. She prepared plans and directed the activities of chairmen in thirty-one states, addressed conferences in Honolulu, Hawaii; San Diego and Riverside, California; Jacksonville, Florida; Toledo, Ohio; and in her own state of Washington; and held interviews with representatives of the press which resulted in considerable national publicity for humane education.

Among Both Races in Virginia

Miss Finley finds her most satisfactory results in the white schools of the rural districts, many of which were revisited in the fall. She sent out quantities of literature for Be Kind to Animals Week in response to requests from all sections of the state. She held successful humane exhibits, and sponsored a number of contests in schools of Richmond as well as in various counties. Her services are aptly illustrated by an amusing incident when she stopped to talk with a woman, plodding along under the weight of a large bag of flour and provisions, on an isolated mountain road, who said to her: "I don't 'member yo' name but I do 'member 'very word you speeched that last time you cum over the mountain."

In his work among the colored schools and churches Mr. Lemon traveled 9,517 miles in Virginia, organized 288 Bands of Mercy, gave 213 school talks and 60 adult addresses to audiences totaling 27,498 children and adults; and held humane exhibits at Hampton Institute and various other religious and educational conferences.

is in charge of the Farm's Assistant Superintendent, a graduate mechanic who is an expert in his knowledge of cars and how to keep them at their best. Here all our cars, ambulances and farm machinery, including trucks, tractors, plows, harrows, etc., are kept in repair. Connected with the garage, on the second floor, is also a complete carpenter shop by means of which all the repairs in carpentry, plumbing and electric work connected with the farm buildings and the four dwelling houses are taken care of.

The Women's Auxiliary

Among the most helpful friends of the Society have been the three Women's Auxiliaries, the one connected with our Hospital here in Boston, the one in Springfield, and the one in Winchester. The deeply interested and loyal women have through their activities not only greatly widened the knowledge of the Society's work among large groups of women throughout the state, becoming affiliated with the state or-

ganization of Women's Clubs, but by their fairs, hospitality days and other gatherings contributed generously toward the better equipment of the Hospitals.

Financial

The Society is profoundly grateful to all those members and friends and benefactors who have made it possible for it year by year to enlarge its work. In spite of a deficit of \$38,848.84 in receipts from the Angell Memorial Hospital and the Springfield Branch, due to uncollectible bills and the free service rendered to those unable to pay, we closed the year with but a slight difference between current receipts and expenses, the total current receipts being \$315,841.75 and the expenses \$316,431.82.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President

REPORT OF CHIEF OFFICER

The work of the Prosecuting Department of the Society during the year has consisted

principally in bringing before the courts certain flagrant cases of failure to feed and provide proper shelter for livestock, and violations of the laws in respect to the driving and working of lame and galled horses. These involved a score of offenders. The stoning and shooting of other animals necessitated several court cases. Other offenses requiring court action were the throwing of a dog in the river and preventing its escape, the throwing of a dog through a window, and the hurling of an axe at a stray dog and destroying one of its eyes. One man was heavily fined for allowing a sick horse to die without any care whatever.

Our humane officers have adhered to the principle, whenever and wherever possible, that it is better to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

L. WILLARD WALKER, Chief Officer

Colored Workers in South Carolina and Texas

Seymour Carroll, with headquarters in Columbia, South Carolina, addressed 6,500 teachers at summer schools in his own and adjoining states; held exhibitions at the South Carolina State Fair and the State Teachers' Association; and conducted a humane press bureau that carried publicity in colored newspapers throughout the country. During February, March and April he issued *The Humane News*, and circulated it among teachers, editors, and schools of both races, in the interests of the national Be Kind to Animals Week. He secured the co-operation of the Governor and other prominent officials of South Carolina in issuing proclamations for the Week. He gave addresses in many schools and colleges and organized a large number of Bands of Mercy.

In Texas Mr. Barnwell traveled 15,560 miles, visited 126 schools in 73 towns, giving 203 talks and organizing 772 Bands of Mercy with 81,696 members. He also gave 124 addresses before adult audiences aggregating 18,907, so that altogether he reached more than 100,000 persons by the spoken word. He distributed thousands of pieces of literature at various clubs and conventions. With the co-operation of the local school board and of the American Humane Association he produced the pageant, "From Sea to Sea," presented by pupils from the colored schools during the convention at Houston. He also sponsored programs for Be Kind to Animals Week in several cities.

In Georgia, Tennessee and Florida

Mrs. Weathersbee visited more than 100 towns in Georgia, involving 11,409 miles of travel. She organized 87,583 children into 939 Bands of Mercy. She visited six summer schools, where talks were given and literature distributed to 6,000 teachers. At the Southeastern Fair she sponsored humane pageants, given twice daily for a week, and gave out 20,000 pieces of literature to teachers and other visitors. Eight other humane education exhibits were held at Parent-Teacher and various educational conferences, where great quantities of literature were distributed.

In Tennessee Mr. Burton traveled 21,500 miles and visited 216 schools, giving 201 talks and reaching 28,200 children. He also gave 83 other addresses before audiences totaling 15,000 adults. Mr. Burton co-operated in efforts to improve race relations and to prevent crime. He finds county superintendents and school teachers very cordial towards humane education work. With his wife, who is a district president of the Tennessee Congress, he has accomplished much through the Parent-Teacher Association.

Mr. Griffith visited 80 schools in Florida and formed 554 Bands of Mercy, enrolling 16,900 pupils. He held humane conferences at Boys' camps, placed many posters in schools and other public places, and distributed literature at kennels, riding schools, race-tracks, police stations, and libraries. He estimates that 19,000 adults were reached by him during the year. He uses a loud speaker on the streets with excellent results.

Work of Two Press Bureaus

The two Press Bureaus of the Society are constantly sending suitable humane education material to editors throughout the country. From the Boston office Mrs. Clarke sends monthly notices to 350 addresses, while Mrs. Park, from headquarters in Palo Alto, California, sends to 550 newspapers monthly, occasionally increasing the list to 750. But this is only a part of the work accomplished by them. Mrs. Clarke, though handicapped several months by illness, attended 75 Club meetings, giving addresses at many of them, held a literature exhibit at the State Parent-Teacher convention in Springfield, and successfully arranged for Hospitality Day in April and for the annual Fair in December at the headquarters of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. Mrs. Park sent literature to a large number of correspondents, held exhibits at educational conventions, and made several addresses in behalf of the cause.

Literature to Foreign Countries

The international scope of the work of the American Humane Education Society is shown by the many foreign contacts established every year. This season, in addition to important correspondence relating to humane work in Morocco, Turkey, Madeira, Mexico, Ecuador and Japan, the Society sent out literature to Newfoundland, England, British West Indies, South Africa, East Africa, Australia, Chile, Spain, Hungary, Philippine Islands, India, China and Palestine. About 500 copies of the Spanish edition of "Friends and Helpers," a very helpful book by Miss S. J. Eddy, donated by the author, were forwarded to select schools in Ecuador, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Central Zone, Uruguay, Spain, Cuba and Porto Rico.

In October, Mrs. Fe de la Pena of Matanzas, Cuba, formerly associated with the late Mrs. Ryder, was appointed a field representative of our Society. She received the co-operation of the Governor of Santa Clara and other prominent officials in that province, sent out letters to school principals and others, and distributed appropriate literature setting forth her plans for humane education.

Literature and Calendars

Among the new titles added to our long list of humane literature were "The Relation of the Home to Character Formation," a 16-page pamphlet written by President Rowley especially for distribution at Parent-Teacher conventions, which proved so popular that two editions of 10,000 copies each were called for within the year; "Don and His Boy Scout Friends," a 4-page leaflet, 10,000; "Humane Sunday," 4,000; "Humane Exercises for Schools, 1936," 8 pages, 20,000; and approximately 5,000 press slips on various humane topics. About 3,000 calendars, more than half with colored pictures, were issued. Reprints of popular titles included 10,000 copies of the ninth edition of "The Teacher's Helper," and an equal number of several 4-page leaflets on a variety of subjects. Altogether no less than a quarter of a million copies of humane literature, from a card to a 32-page booklet, were published by the Society during the year.

Be Kind to Animals Week

As usual the Governor of Massachusetts, in common with Governors of several other states, issued a Proclamation for Be Kind to Animals Week and Humane Sunday. The observance was nation-wide, as indicated by the reports from all parts of the country given in *Our Dumb Animals*. Through its official organ the Society conducted a contest for the best humane plays for children, offering prizes totaling \$50, and received more than one hundred manuscripts. It published special literature both for Humane Day in Schools and for Humane Sunday, as mentioned elsewhere. Nearly one hundred sound trailers, urging the observance of Be Kind to Animals Week, were distributed to theaters in Massachusetts. Fifteen hundred copies of the national Be Kind to Animals poster were distributed throughout the state and elsewhere. Outstanding was the state-wide poster contest, open to pupils in public and parochial schools in Massachusetts. More than 7,000 posters were entered and more than 2,000 medals awarded besides hundreds of honorable mentions.

Our Humane Films

The demand for our two films, "The Bell of Atri," and "In Behalf of Animals," continues uninterrupted, despite the fact that the former was produced many years ago. The Board of Education of Detroit bought its ninth copy of "The Bell of Atri." Both films were used freely in the schools of Chicago, and "In Behalf of Animals" in schools of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Boston University, School of Education, sent out both films in response to many calls. In addition, we had about thirty rentals of each film during the year.

The Jack London Club

That interest has not lessened in our organized protest against the cruel training of animals for stage and screen performance is proved by the addition of nearly 23,000 names to the membership of the Jack London Club, the total registration having reached 678,871. One list of 600 signatures, including that of the Treasurer of the United States and other prominent government officials, came from Washington, D. C. To aid in this propaganda we have been circulating two English books, "Heaven's Rage" and "Laugh, Clown, Laugh!" by Helen Trevelyan, which are worthy successors to Jack London's "Michael Brother of Jerry," which was the inspiration for starting this unique Club.

Bands of Mercy Very Popular

One of the most hopeful signs of the progress of humane education is the very large number of Bands of Mercy, or Juvenile Humane Leagues, reported for the year. They total 6,735, of which nearly 2,000 were in schools of Chicago, 1,000 in Georgia, more than 900 in Massachusetts, 600 in Texas, 500 in New York, 400 in South Carolina, 350 in Florida, 330 in Virginia, about 300 in Maine, 230 in North Carolina, more than 100 in Pennsylvania, and the others divided among fourteen other states and

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Addresses by Executive Officers

All of the three executive officers gave addresses before various audiences. The President broadcast a message on Humane Sunday from special wires set up in his office. In October he spoke at the dedication of the new animal hospital of the Maryland S. P. C. A. in Baltimore. Both he and the Treasurer gave addresses at meetings of the Women's Auxiliary at Springfield, Mass. The Secretary presented a paper at the annual Humane Convention in Houston, Texas, and also at the summer conference at Amrita Island, Mass.

Summary

With over half a million people counted in audiences of our field workers, through the circulation of literature and the monthly magazine, *Our Dumb Animals*, the total number of people reached through our year's activities is more than a million.

The following summary gives the figures as nearly as it is possible to estimate:

Addresses by field workers.....	3,414
Total number in audiences.....	582,431
Pieces of literature printed.....	250,000
Pieces of literature, etc., distributed free.....	220,000
New Bands of Mercy organized....	6,735
Total Bands of Mercy at end of year	220,900
New members enrolled in Jack London Club.....	22,982
Membership of Jack London Club at end of year.....	678,871

Current receipts for the American Humane Education Society were \$22,739.67 and current expenses \$24,998.51.

Total receipts for both Societies, \$338,581.42; total expenses \$341,430.33, including depreciation charges, making a deficit of \$2,848.91.

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My Jolly Chickadee

AGNES S. J. POWERS

*When skies are gray and winds are chill
And all the land is bleak,
I need not step outside my yard
Warm fellowship to seek;
A feathered mite, black, gray and white,
Greets me so neighborly,
And flirts his tail, and quirks his head—
My jolly chickadee.*

*He sits in my syringa-bush
While I hang out the clothes,
And tells me most delightful yarns.
And flits right by my nose.
I don't believe one half he says
And yet he cheers me so
I scarce could live the winter through
Without this insect foe.*

*He brazenly runs on with such
Inconsequential chat,
No matter of importance, but
A bit of this and that.
And I am charmed away from work
And hang upon his words—
My hearty little chickadee,
The winsomest of birds.*

Gonies of Goneyville

IN the middle of the Pacific Ocean there is a little island called Midway Island, says a writer in the *Junior Catholic Messenger*. We read about it several weeks ago. It is one of the islands where the Pacific clipper planes stop. The men who run the air line have built a hotel there. The passengers from the airplanes stop there for the night. Then they fly on the next day.

On this island lives a strange kind of bird called a gony. Baby gonies are the most obedient children in the world. When they are hatched from the eggs, Mamma Gony tells them not to leave the nest for four months. (This seems to be an old gony custom.) Baby gonies never disobey. The men who worked on this island, getting it ready for the clipper planes, soon discovered this. The baby gonies would not move out of the way of their tractors. The men had to pick them up so they would not be run over. As soon as the tractors passed by, however, the gonies went right back again. Often the tractors destroyed the nests. This did not bother the little gonies, however. They went right back to the spot where the nests used to be. There they sat until Mamma Gony said, "Your four months are over. You may go now."

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We trust that all our young friends, including members of the Band of Mercy everywhere, will observe BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK (April 11-17) by doing special acts of kindness to animals in the home or elsewhere.

Uses Dog as Errand Boy

FRED R. SULLIVAN, 151 Burrill Street, Swampscott, Massachusetts, has an eight-year-old collie, "Rex," that for the last three years hasn't missed a day in trotting to the corner drugstore an eighth of a mile away, to get the evening



paper. Rex will run to Bickford's drugstore at the corner of Paradise Road and Burrill Street and bark at the door until the clerk places the paper in his mouth. He will then dash full speed for home and woe be to anyone who tries to stop him. Arriving at his home he will scratch the door until someone opens it for him. Every Saturday the money is placed in a paper bag and Rex carries it faithfully to the store.

There have been occasions through the day when Mrs. Sullivan needed some little article from the drugstore. She would write a note, place it in a paper bag and Rex would take it to the store and bring home the article wanted.

The photograph shows Rex with the newspaper in his mouth on the way home.

Answers to "How Many Birds in the Tree?" in last month's puzzle. (The numbers after each name indicate on which squares the name starts and finishes.)

Linnet (2-24)	Gannet (12-24)	Cockatoo (23-27)
Wren (3-16)	Quail (13-2)	Goose (25-21)
Falcon (4-22)	Hawk (15-8)	Grouse (25-21)
Finch (4-28)	Erne (17-21)	Teal (24-18)
Crane (5-17)	Shrike (20-1)	Hen (28-22)
Eagle (6-17)	Cock (23-34)	Rook (31-34)
Eaglet (6-24)	Cuckoo (23-36)	Coot (35-24)
Chat (23-32)	Tern (24-16)	

The Band of Mercy

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PLEDGE

I will try to be kind to all living creatures and try to protect them from cruel usage.

The American Humane Education Society will send to every person who forms a Band of Mercy of thirty members, and sends the name chosen for the Band and the name and post-office address of the president who has been duly elected, special Band of Mercy literature and a gilt badge for the president. See inside front cover for prices of literature and Band of Mercy Supplies.

NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Three hundred and seventy-two new Bands of Mercy were reported during January. Of these 89 were in Massachusetts, 82 in North Carolina, 73 in Florida, 45 in Virginia, 36 in Pennsylvania, 17 in Illinois, 12 in Oregon, 11 in Texas, three in Syria, and one each in Arizona, Maine, New York and Oklahoma.

Total number of Bands of Mercy organized by Parent American Society, 221,272.

Kitty Catches Burglars

ADRIAN ANDERSON

SEVERAL months ago a skinny, emaciated brown cat wandered into the Davidson Coal and Feed Company, in Decatur, Alabama, and without so much as a "may I?" took up residence there. The proprietor felt little need for a cat, but, being a kind man, not only permitted Kitty to remain but, with generous feedings, proceeded to fatten him up.

One day recently, the proprietor noticed the cat, now sleek and fat, gazing intently at the ceiling in the rear of the store. After watching the cat's unwavering gaze for a few minutes, he went outside to investigate, and, lo and behold, discovered two men on the roof spying into the store through a crack in the roof. The police were quietly summoned and the would-be burglars delivered into their charge.

Mr. Davidson, the owner of the store, remarked that Kitty had his rent paid up for a long, long time to come.

IN THE EDITOR'S LIBRARY

THE ABC OF ATTRACTING BIRDS

Alvin M. Peterson.

From his personal observations of the birds which he has attracted to his own premises, enjoying their presence at all seasons, the author tells us how they can be retained on the friendliest and most intimate terms by the real and practical bird lover. In a round dozen chapters he sets forth the best kind of drinking fountains, baths, nesting-boxes, shelves and other accessories which his bird neighbors make use of in astonishing numbers. His food trays are supplied with what he knows the birds like best, while trees, thickets, vines and flowers appear to have made a "safety first" sanctuary for them.

The author has established himself as one of the very best of bird landlords and we believe that many who have read his frequent contributions to *Our Dumb Animals* will want to obtain this interesting book with its numerous illustrations picturing the ways and means he has adopted to attract all his bird guests.

146 pp. \$1.50. The Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee.



FELINE PATIENTS AT ANGELL ANIMAL HOSPITAL
Owned by J. E. Mullen, Roxbury, Mass.

Is Your Cat a Menace?

LOIS M. MARMON

THE sportsmen throughout Ohio, where I live, are subscribing quite forcibly to the theory that cats are responsible for the destruction of much of the wild life. They are contending that cats, both pets, and tame and semi-tame animals, are by far the greatest of all offenders to the diminishing game supply.

So strongly have sportsmen from the different sections of the state expressed their opinion and belief that cats are a menace to wild life that an organized attempt is being considered for the licensing of cats. If this bit of legislation goes through in this state, it will not only decrease the number of cats, but the idea and purpose will spread to other states and be similarly acted upon.

If you are a lover of cats and treasure one as a pet, guard it and keep it from becoming a menace. A very definite prevention routine may be followed to insure the safety of your pet: namely, have a regular time for feeding pussy; do not overfeed but keep it so well fed that it will not be as willing to prey on birds and other wild life; at all times keep a saucer of milk or water in an accustomed place for your pet to "help itself" whenever it is thirsty;

TO OUR FRIENDS

In making your will, kindly bear in mind that the corporate title of our Society is "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals"; that it is the second incorporated (March, 1868) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the country, and that it has no connection with any other similar Society.

Any bequest especially intended for the benefit of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital should, nevertheless, be made to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals "for the use of the Hospital," as the Hospital is not incorporated but is the property of that Society and is conducted by it.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (or to The American Humane Education Society), the sum of dollars (or, if other property, describe the property).

and, most important of all, provide a place for your cat to sleep at night. Do not permit it to roam around at night or in the early morning, for that is the time when most of its predatory work to wild life is accomplished. If you follow these few simple rules for safe-guarding and protecting your own pet, as well as other animals, you will be more than repaid for your efforts.

If interested in showing films during Be Kind to Animals Week, see advertising page and write early to 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, for reservations.

Humane Workers' Fund

We are receiving gifts to the American Humane Education Society as a trust fund, the interest to be used for the benefit of field missionaries and others who have spent their lives in promoting humane education.

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